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TO AMEMBASSY BEIRUT NIACT IMMEDIATE

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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: ABDUCTION OF COLONEL MORGAN

REF: BEIRUT 8489

FOR AMBASSADOR GODLEY

1. LINE YOU HAVE TAKEN WITH LEBANESE IS JUST RIGHT. SAME APPROACH SHOULD GUIDE EMBASSY REPRESENTATIVES AT 0915 MEETING WITH LEBANESE. WE WILL BE INTERESTED IN LEBANESE ASSESSMENT AND THEIR PROPOSALS FOR DEALING WITH SITUATION. WE SHOULD NOT MAKE PROPOSALS OF OUR OWN. CONCUR FULLY WE SHOULD NOT ASK GOL TO STOP SEARCHING FOR MORGAN.

2. RE U.S. REPRESENTATION AT 0915 MEETING, WE OF COURSE LEAVE THIS TO YOU BUT WOULD THINK THAT OFFICER FROM EMBASSY PROPER SHOULD ATTEND AS WELL AS MILITARY REPS (PARA 4 REF-TEL). JUST AS WELL THAT YOU NOT ATTEND, YOURSELF, HOWEVER.

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3. WE HAVE ENSURED THAT LETTER FROM GROUP HOLDING MORGAN,

EVEN SHOULD IT BECOME PUBLIC, WILL NOT BE CARRIED BY VOA
WITHOUT PROPER AUTHORIZATION.

4. WE WILL BE AWAITING YOUR NIACT IMMEDIATE ANALYSIS AND
RECOMMENDATIONS FOLLOWING 0915 MEETING. HOPE THEY MAY BE
RECEIVED HERE BY 0500 JULY 7 OUR TIME. KISSINGER

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